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1. DURING JULY 7 CALL AT MFA, TING YUAN-HUNG AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF ESCORT OFFICERS FROM VISITNG U.S. DELEGATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS DELEGATION, AS ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON, WAS FIFTEEN MEMBER GROUP. NCUSCR SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED ESCORT OFFICER MAKING GROUP SIXTEEN, AND ON JUNE 28 WE INDICATED ADDITIONAL ESCORT OFFICER EITHER FROM USLO OR HONG KONG WOULD BE ADDED. TING SAID SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS FROM OUTSIDE PRC CREATED PLANNING PROBLEMS FOR HOST ORGANIZATION. HE CONCLUDED THAT, WHILE INCLUSION OF USLO OFFICER WITH TEACHER GROUP ACCEPTABLE, ADDITION OF CONGEN OFFICER OR OTHER OFFICER FROM OUTSIDE WOULD BE "DIFFICULT".

2. MFA'S POSITION ON TEACHER DELEGATION IS CLEAREST AND LATEST IN SERIES OF INDICATIONS THAT PRC CONSIDERS USLO OFFICERS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN EITHER DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG CONGEN OFFICERS AS FAR AS ESCORT DUTY IS CONCERNED. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL (REF B) TO TREAT CONGEN OFFICERS AS AN EXTENSION OF USLO PEKING FOR ESCORT PURPOSES WILL NOT WASH WITH THE PRC, AND THAT FURTHER EFFORTS TO OPERATE ON THIS BASIS WILL RESULT IN REFUSALS TO ADMIT CONGEN OFFICERS AS ESCORTS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVISE OUR POSITION AND
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PROPOSE THAT THE NUMBER OF ESCORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PRC, WHETHER

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THEY BE FROM THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, THE DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AND BUILT INTO ANY PROPOSALS MADE TO THE CHINESE AT THE OUTSET. THEY SHOULD NOT BE TACKED ON LATER. USLO WILL ATTACH AN OFFICER FROM INSIDE THE COUNTRY TO VISITING GROUPS WHEN THIS APPEARS DESIRABLE.

3. ABOVE PROCEDURESHOULD MEET CHINESE PROBLEMS AND ALSO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF DEPARTMENT AND HONG KONG. HOLDRIDGE HAS DISCUSSED POSITION INFORMALLY WITH OSBORN AND BOTH AGREE.

4. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS WE WILL CONVEY ABOVE POSITION TO MFA. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. BE MADE AWARE OF OUR COORDINATED POSITION SO THAT PLANNING CAN BE MADE EASIER AND FRICTIONS AVOIDED.
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